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THROUGHOUT THIS REPUBLIC

Restoration of Confidence by Sound Money's Triumph

AND ELECTION OF MCKINLEY.

The Champion of Protection, Has Opened Up the Mills to American Labor, to Long Idle on Account of the Disturbance by the Agitators--An Additional List of Mills and Factories Resuming Work. Gold Flowing into the Treasury from the Hoarders.

"I do not know what you think about it, but I believe it is a good deal better to open the mills of the United States to the labor of America than to open the mints of the United States to the silver of the world."--WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 9.--A general revival of business is reported among the big iron and steel plants around this vicinity. The Chesapeake rail works started this morning with three hundred men, after an idleness of three months; the Lochiel rolling mills puddle plant, the plate mill at the Paxton rolling mills also resumed.

The Central iron works will start tomorrow double turn. Enough orders, it is said, have been secured at these works to insure work for the rest of the year and well into 1897.

The Lanchon Gosselin tin mills, which started two weeks ago, will put to work an additional tin mill this week. A brighter condition of affairs is reported at the Pennsylvania steel works at Steelton. The rail and Bessemer mills have started. The winter prospects in the open hearth department, blooming, slab and merchant mills are more encouraging than for many months. The bridge, frog and switch department have plenty of work. Work has been resumed at the Danzig bridge works, which have been closed for some time. The Newport furnace will shortly be blown in.

After Six Years' Idleness. BELLEFONTE, Pa., Nov. 9.--It was officially announced to-day that the Bellefonte glassworks would again resume operations after an idleness of six years. The work of repairs will commence to-morrow, and the pots will be fired in about two weeks, giving employment to forty hands. A popular subscription by citizens during the past week is responsible for the renewed activity at the works.

At Wilmington. WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 9.--There is a decided boom in industrial circles here.

The Harlan and Hollingsworth company has enough work to keep the present force, numbering 1,500 men, employed for a year, and if orders continue to come in, the number of employees will soon be increased to 2,000. The company has just signed a contract to build for the Merchants and Farmers Transportation line a steamship, which will be one of the best equipped vessels plying on the Atlantic coast.

The new boat will be a companion to the Howard, completed by the company a year ago. The company is re-building the yacht Josephine, owned by P. A. B. Widener, and is building a tug boat for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, a ferryboat for the West Jersey Railroad Company and a steamer for the Delaware River and Bay Pilots.

More Resumption at Pittsburgh. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 9.--General Manager Converse, of the National Tube Works Company, stated to-day that it was the intention of the company to extend their business and erect an entirely new department with new machinery and appliances to cost \$300,000. This will give employment to several hundred men.

Enough orders, he says, have been received during the last two days, to operate the works until the first of the year. The Republic Iron Works, owned by the National Tube Works Company, was started in full to-day.

The H. J. Heinz Company have also begun the contract for two new buildings, which will greatly increase the capacity and give employment to a large number of men. All the Oliver iron and steel interests will be placed in operation by Wednesday. This includes the Monongahela tin plate works; Oliver iron and steel works, and the Oliver & Roberts wire works.

The Star tin plate works, which has been operating half time since July, started two more mills to-day and will have the entire plant running next week. The Clinton furnaces, employing three hundred men, will be blown in to-morrow.

On Full Time. WOODSOKET, R. I., Nov. 9.--The Fall River cotton mills, employing 700 hands, started on full time this morning. They have been running three and four days a week since last May.

All Resuming. HOLLDAYSBURG, Pa., Nov. 9.--The Hollidaysburg iron and nail works, the planer iron works, the Portage iron works and the Altoona Iron Company, the four leading iron plants of Blair county, resuming on full time to-day. A boom has started in the immediate business when the Pittsburgh Limestone Company leased a large tract of the Elwood tile and brick factory, and has its output.

Boom at Elwood. ELWOOD, Ind., Nov. 9.--The election is having a good effect in Elwood, Pa., and other towns. The McKimley chimney factory, which has been shut down, started up to-day, and the plate glass factory, which has been idle since last August, will resume on the first inst., with 700 employees. The McKimley factory and the Elwood window

glass house will increase their working force. The force works, the tin plate plant, iron foundry and radiator factory are also feeling the impulse of better times and are increasing their forces. The big window glass plant in East Elwood will start up about the middle of the month. The Wetherell rolling mill will keep it running day and night. The three window glass factories are arranging terms with the employees and will start about the 20th inst. Both brick yards here are arranging to start and of granite lands with a view of doubling the Elwood planing mill will operate full time. The box factory has increased its force and so has the Elwood furniture plant.

The Cambria will start. JOHNSTOWN, Nov. 9.--It was authoritatively announced to-day that the great Cambria steel mill, which have been closed down for some time will resume work the latter part of the week, giving employment to a large force of men. The company hopes to put the blooming and billet mill in operation about the same time.

Shovel Works Resume. BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Nov. 9.--This morning the shovel works of H. M. Meyers & Co., which have been shut down for several months, resumed operations, giving employment to several hundred hands. At the wire and nail mill of the Consolidated Steel Company, that have been shut down since July 2nd, active preparations were begun this morning to put them in operation.

To Resume. CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.--The large furniture factories, carriage works, foundries, machine shops and other manufacturing enterprises here are preparing for the immediate resumption of business, after having been practically idle for months. A large number of employees are expected.

On Full Time. EAST DOUGLASS, Mass., Nov. 9.--W. S. Hayward & Company's woolen mill, employing about two hundred hands, which have been running on reduced time, started up to-day on full time.

PLENTY OF GOLD. Putting Back into the Treasury and Banks Now that the Danger is Over.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.--The treasury to-day lost \$27,000 in gold coin and \$21,200 in bars, which leaves the true amount of the reserve \$121,726,364. The net gain in gold to-day at New York and San Francisco was \$1,634,700.

The resources of the treasury are being severely taxed to meet the demands for paper notes of all denominations in exchange for gold. In many cases the gold holders ask for United States notes of large denominations in exchange, as the latter are as available for reserve as is the gold, but they express a willingness to accept Sherman notes, or, if necessary, silver certificates if the government is unable to furnish United States notes. The demand for large denominations is also not imperative, the principal object being to get paper money. Reports from all parts of the country tend to show that nearly all of the gold withdrawn during the last several weeks was for the purpose of hoarding, and now that the supposed danger is past, the gold is being offered at the several sub-treasuries or is being deposited in banks, and is finding its way into the government coffers.

The gold loan is so great that in New York at least the assistant treasurer has been compelled to refuse gold until such time as he was able to handle it, and in a number of instances currency has been supplied from one sub-treasury to another to meet the unusual demands. The reserve to-day passed the \$120,000,000 point, and the officials have no doubt that it will reach a much higher figure before the close of the year. The increase in business predicted, it is believed, will result in greatly increased receipts from customs and from internal revenue, so that the present treasury deficit is likely to be reduced to some extent before the inauguration of Mr. McKinley.

KENTUCKY CONCEDED. To McKinley by the Democrats--Both Headquarters Closed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 9.--Headquarters of both the Republican and Democratic campaign committees are closed, it being conceded now that on the face of the official returns from 115 of the 119 counties that McKinley has carried the state. The official returns from the missing counties will not alter the general result. Chairman Roberts figures McKinley's plurality at 444, saying that the official returns from the four counties will increase this figure. On the same number of counties the Courier-Journal figures the plurality at 468 and the Times this afternoon places it at 576.

Editors who wagered money that Bryan would carry Kentucky now concede that McKinley has carried the state by a small, but safe plurality and are paying their bets.

Pennsylvania's Full Vote. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 9.--Official returns from a number of counties in Pennsylvania and complete returns from those in which the official count has not yet been completed, give McKinley a plurality of 391,606; the vote being:

Republican 728,823; Democratic 425,217. The vote cast for the Palmer and Buckner ticket foots up only 10,573. There were 19,000 votes for the Prohibition ticket and about 10,000 for the other candidates and "scattering," making a total of 1,191,918 votes cast for all parties. In this city McKinley's plurality was 12,774 in a total of 24,781. This exceeds the vote of 1892 by 9,673. Three years ago the total vote of the state was 1,003,010, or 188,915 less than that cast on Tuesday last.

Recount Demanded. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. Va., Nov. 9.--The county court met to-day to certify the election returns; a recount will be demanded on county clerk and prosecuting attorney. The returns show Foster, Republican, elected prosecuting attorney by a plurality of three over G. M. Childster and H. W. Lightburn, Republican, elected over the present clerk E. A. Bennett, by fifteen.

Looks Like a Deadlock. ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 9.--The Democrats in caucus in Georgia legislature took twelve faithful ballots on a successor to United States Senator John B. Gordon. The thirteenth ballot resulted as follows: Governor W. Y. Atkinson, 47; A. S. Clay, 47; H. T. Lewis, 26; Gen. C. A. Evans, 18; scattering, 25. From the first to the thirteenth ballots Atkinson lost two votes. Clay gained one. Lewis remained the same and Evans gained five. At this point the caucus adjourned.

New York Gold Democrats. NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The state committee of the National Democratic party

(gold Democrats) met to-day and decided to continue the organization for the present. An address was issued to the Democrats of the state, declaring that the recent election had demonstrated the support of the doctrine of the Chicago platform must bring disaster to the party, that the organization which espoused those doctrines during the campaign could not in future dominate the affairs of the party and calling upon Democrats to unite in support of the time-honored principles of the Democracy.

THE MCKINLEY LEAGUE. Of New York Holds a Meeting--Mark Hanna's Gratitude.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The committee on organization of the McKinley League, the state Republican organization which opposes the faction led by ex-Senator Platt, held a meeting to-night, which was made notable by the presence of Chairman Hanna, of the Republican national committee, Hon. Warren Miller, John M. McDonald, and T. V. Powderly were among those who took part in the proceedings.

The president of the league, Mr. George Matthews, of Buffalo, spoke of Mr. Hanna as one "under whose leadership the forces of honesty and Americanism have won the greatest victory that the people of this country have known since Appomattox." In response Mr. Hanna said: "I wish that I had time to give you workers something of the details of the last campaign. You in the east, except those who have been at work in the field, can know but little about the work in the western states and beyond, and therefore cannot judge properly what this battle has been."

"I have been more than gratified since coming to New York to hear the kind expressions on all sides. Of course, it touches a man's vanity, and it did mine. But it went deeper than that; it has touched my heart, and when I look into the earnest faces around me, I begin to fully appreciate that every man in this room is upon the side of honest government and in the efforts put forth in this great campaign he, among many, has been a patriot and none more so than the members of the McKinley League of the state of New York."

"I desire to make use of this opportunity, then, to thank you from my heart for your hearty co-operation and to hope that as you are to pursue the lines of your work in the future, that you will be guided entirely by those patriotic feelings and do whatever is best for the good of our party and our country, and that you will, as individuals, judge a man's patriotism by the sacrifices he has made. Let that be your motto under whatever banner you work for the future and you will find in me a steadfast friend."

Testimonial to Hanna. CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 9.--The Union Club, of this city, is to tender Hon. M. A. Hanna a testimonial banquet that will be as elaborate as anything heretofore attempted in this city.

The banquet will probably be held November 14, and in all likelihood Major McKinley will attend.

The committee in charge of the affair consists of Col. Myron T. Herrick, C. A. Grassell, Andrew Squibb, Judge W. R. Sanders, Stewart Chisholm, A. H. Bourne and Judge S. E. Williamson.

COAL ROADS' FIGHT. Hopes that an Agreement will be Reached Soon.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The Ohio bituminous coal roads have been engaged in a fierce fight since July 1, the date of the expiration of the old coal pool, and as a result the lower the prices for bituminous coal and the lower rates for carrying it ever known in the history of the companies have been made.

The Baltimore and Ohio, and the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling have been most aggressive in cutting prices and invading the territory of their competitors. The Baltimore & Ohio is charged with the responsibility of beginning the fight, their determination being to increase their percentage in the pool.

The first of a number of meetings to bring about a settlement, will be held in this city to-morrow. The roads interested are the Hocking Valley, Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking, Baltimore & Ohio, Ohio Central, Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling and Wheeling & Lake Erie. It is expected that an agreement will be reached and a new organization formed to last over a period of several years. Friends of the companies say that if the rates that were in vogue in 1892 are secured the net earnings of a number of the roads that are engaged in Ohio soft coal will be doubled.

German Embassador Arrested. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 9.--About ten years ago, a young German who gave the name of August Kermann, arrived in the town of Rock Springs and purchased a ranch of 25,000 acres near the town. He claimed to be from New York. He was possessed of an abundance of money. Kermann made few friends during his ten years' residence on the ranch.

Yesterday a German detective, claiming to represent the German government, arrested Kermann. The latter submitted quietly and said that he would return to Germany without extradition. Kermann said he was at one time in the postal service of the German government and that an irregularity occurred in his department and that he fled to this country in order to escape punishment. The detective refused to make any statement of the case.

Deadly Folding Bed. CHICAGO, Nov. 9.--Warren B. Mason, president of the Chicago Acetylene Gas and Carbide Company, died to-day, from a strange accident, which befell him last evening. Mr. Mason arose to ascertain the time and on getting back into the large folding bed jarred so that the top fell over on him. Mr. Mason's feet reached the floor and he was sitting in an upright position when the bed fell, catching him in its grasp. Relatives aroused by his cries, ran to his assistance, but only temporary relief could be given him, as his backbone had been broken in the vice-like grip of the heavy bed. Mrs. Mason was lying in the bed when the accident occurred, but escaped unhurt. Mr. Mason lived until 9 o'clock this morning, suffering untold agony.

Mr. Morse Wins. BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 9.--In the United States circuit court of appeals to-day the famous libel suit, Helen M. Gougar vs. Elijah A. Morse was dismissed for want of prosecution. In this case, which began more than four years ago, two verdicts have been rendered, after protracted trials. At the last trial the plaintiff excepted to Judge Furman's ruling, but has now failed to prosecute her exceptions in the appellate court. The result is that the verdict below is sustained and judgment in the case follows for Mr. Morse.

SPENCER'S LOSS.

The Main Part of the Town Destroyed by Fire.

LOSS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND.

Thirty-nine Buildings Destroyed, Including Two Hotels, a Bank, Masonic Temple and Many Dwellings, with All Their Contents--The Town Had No Fire Department--A Panic Among the Inmates of the Insane Hospital While the Flames Raged.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 9.--The town of Spencer, Roane county, on the Ravenswood, Spencer & Gauley railroad, was almost entirely destroyed by fire last night. Thirty-nine stores and dwelling houses were destroyed, many of them with their entire contents. The fire had its origin in a room over Simmons & Co.'s general store, which room, it is said, was used as a gambling resort. This building stood on the main business street, and when the fire was once started it swept along with a vengeance, leaving destruction in its path. There was no effective way to combat it. Men, women and children carried buckets of water, which were thrown on the blazing buildings, but the angry flames licked them up like a huge thirsty animal, and gathering renewed strength and fury from a stiff breeze that was blowing, swept up along and across the street, destroying buildings and throwing the people of the town into terror and panic.

After leveling one square the fire darted into a side street, sweeping along both sides. Among the buildings burned were Simmons' general store, McIntosh, Hardman & Co.'s big hardware store; the Chapman House; Chamber's hotel; Chapman's drug store; Parson's drug store; Lewellyn's grocery store; Bennett's cigar store and photograph gallery; two restaurants owned by R. A. Casto, and Casto & Goff's store; Smith's clothing store and many other houses and stores.

The entire business portion of the town was entirely gutted. The Masonic temple was destroyed. The bank was located in this building. Many of the buildings which were destroyed were brick buildings.

The fire started at 11:45 last night and burned till this morning. There is no telegraph office at Spencer and particulars are hard to get. W. A. Beck with, who runs an express messenger on the Spencer train, came up this morning and was seen by a reporter. In speaking of the fire he said: "It was the worst conflagration I ever saw. I worked all night, helping move people's belongings out of their houses. The flames lighted up the town and the hills around for miles around and made it as light as day. I know only a few of the people and places burned out."

The fire burned down to the depot, but did not get a start on that building. A lot of cars standing on some sidings had to be moved to escape destruction. This is the second time Spencer has suffered from a conflagration. About seven years ago practically the same portion of the town which went last night was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

The asylum buildings being across the creek from Spencer were out of danger, but the burning district could be seen by the inmates, and the attendants had their hands full in handling the patients, who were frightened and terror-stricken. The residences of the Woodards, Stones, Smiths, Balleys and Pendletons were not included in the houses destroyed, although Hon. Walter Pendleton's home had a narrow escape.

SPANISH OUTRAGE. American Citizen and His Wife Brutally Treated by Weyler's Soldiers.

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 9.--Advices received from Havana last night per steamer Olivette give details of an outrage on an American citizen and the butchery of nineteen non-combatant Cubans, including four women, by Spanish soldiers. The massacre occurred last Thursday, near the town of San Jose de Las Lajas, Havana province.

A detachment of soldiers surprised six insurgents, who, however, made their escape, which angered the Spaniards and they began to raid the houses in the neighborhood, alleging that the inhabitants were in sympathy with the rebels.

The Spaniards went to the sugar estate of Frederick L. Craycroft, who came here from Indiana about three years ago. Some of the soldiers entered the house and two of them seized Mrs. Craycroft and assaulted her. The husband in desperation rushed to his wife's aid, but was struck down by a sword in the hands of an officer. Two terrible gashes were made in his back and his right arm nearly severed.

The Spaniards looted the house, took \$350 in cash and then raided other houses on the estate. They burned eight buildings and shot and killed nineteen inmates four of whom were women.

Craycroft when he recovered sufficiently wrote to Vice Consul Springer at Havana. It is understood that the vice consul cabled an account of the outrage to Secretary Olney. The Spanish authorities in Havana are greatly disturbed because several thousand insurgents from Gomez' army have entered Matanzas province. So serious does Weyler consider the situation that he has withdrawn 6,000 troops from Pinar del Rio and dispatched them into Matanzas to stay the advance.

During the sleep and subsequent capture of Guayama city by the insurgents, the Spaniards lost 260 killed and wounded. Three hundred and seventy Spaniards surrendered to Calixto Garcia, commanding the besieging force. Garcia sent word to General Castellanos that they would be exchanged for Cubans held by the Spaniards.

CUBAN POLITICS. The Support of the Spanish Policy by the Parties the Situation.

HAVANA, Nov. 9.--The editorials in the local newspapers are given over to the important act of political parties in joining together in support of the Spanish policy.

La Luchina says that the act is due to the influence of governor Porrua and adds that it corrects the error of the Autonomists and the Reformists in believing in political dealings with the rebels and not in energetic means of suppressing them. The separatists, this paper says, have clearly fixed the con-

cell issue to be settled with arms and arms must be the only response. It points out that General Campos at a memorable meeting at the palace before his departure, said that nobody could suppose that he possessed sufficient prestige to change the status of the Cuban question, not even by conciliatory measures.

The police have arrested Alvarez Vellaz at the western station. He is supposed to be an insurgent brigadier.

Havana volunteers, recruited from the colored firemen to the number of 300, are leaving Havana for the trocha.

News from Madrid of numerous skirmishes in that region indicate the activity with which military operations are now being pushed in the island. The forces of the insurgent leader, Juan Delgado and Bartolus are concentrating in Havana province in the neighborhood of Santiago de las Vegas. Four trainloads from Havana carrying two battalions of guerrillas arrived at Guanajay on October 20.

Reports show that there are at present 13,577 sick and wounded in the military hospitals.

The case of Julio Sangulilly, the American citizen, has been submitted to Magistrate Maya for final conclusion in accordance with the resolution of the supreme court at Madrid remitting the case to Havana for re-trial on the ground that there was a lack of proof to warrant his conviction.

THE HORSE SHOW. New York's Great Society Event Begins. Not Up to Expectations in Some Respects.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The twelfth annual exhibition of the New York Horse Association, opened under auspicious conditions in Madison Square Garden to-day. The decorations and arrangements are much the same as in previous years. Black and yellow, the colors of the association, predominate.

The number of classes, 115, is somewhat less than last year, but the decrease, it is said, is more than made up in the high quality of the entries. The total sum to be awarded in cash prizes is over \$33,000, but to this should be added many handsome trophies in plate.

Probably not over 300 persons were in the garden when the show opened informally with a preliminary trial over the jumps of all horses entered in class No. 104, which will be opened to all the jumping class with performances reserved only to count. When the class comes up for the finals a fine lot may be looked for.

Previous to this a number of horses of all classes were exercised in the ring including old Judge Morrow, the winner of the Brooklyn handicap in 1892, and whose owner hopes to win a blue ribbon with him in the thoroughbred class.

A number of novel features will be introduced into the show, including the carts of the street cleaning department and those of the fire and police departments. The trotting, hackney and park classes promise to show up to rare advantage. From this time until the close on Saturday night the garden will contain the most brilliant and well-dressed crowds, and unless all signs fail the annual exhibition will be in every way worthy of its predecessors.

The horse show opened in the evening with a parade of stallions in the various classes--thoroughbreds, trotters, hackneys, coaches and several others.

Many were shown with their get, and, as a lot, were declared by experts to be the finest aggregation of stallions ever seen at any one time in this country.

Saddle horses were the first to come up for the judges inspection and were followed by a grand lot of high steppers in harness, the exhibition closing with some fine jumping by hunters over fences from five to six feet high.

Early in the evening the crowd came in but at no time was the capacity of the immense amphitheatre taxed, although the box holders, with few exceptions, were all present.

There is always some foreigner of distinction at the show on opening night. Last year it was the duke of Marlborough, who, a week before, had made Consuelo Vanderbilt his bride. This year it is Prince Luigi, of the royal house of Savoy. He came with a half dozen of his suite and M. Didot, Thompson, and the band struck up the Italian national anthem as he entered the directors box over the main entrance. He seemed much interested in the scene and remained until the end.

TALKED REVOLUTION. Anarchists Commemorate the Hanging of the Chicago Murderers--Altgeld, who Pardoned the Others, Not Present.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The anarchists of New York held a mass meeting to-night, which had been announced on blood red cards as a commemoration of the "legal murder of August Spies, A. R. Parsons, L. Lingg, A. Fischer and G. Engel," the Chicago anarchists, punished for the perpetration of the Haymarket dynamiting. The principal speaker was Herr Most, who said that the men who were executed at Chicago were not the first or last to meet that fate in this country. He said that they were judiciously murdered and that true anarchists would not forget them, but would continue to commemorate their murder.

"We are not in Russia or Turkey," he said, "for if we were, there would have been none of these legal murders."

The speaker then briefly reviewed the history of the Chicago riots and the incidents leading to it. He then denounced the jury in the case and declared that anarchy was by no means dead, but that the present peace was but the calm before the storm.

August Lott denounced the judges, jury and states attorney in the case of the Chicago anarchists as murderers. Anarchists, he said, would stand together and fight for the rights of the workmen. Revolution, he declared, must come. It would be but history repeating itself. The anarchists would yet revenge the murders, legally committed at Chicago. Anarchism, he said, meant freedom for all.

Old Landmark Burned. ALTOONA, Pa., Nov. 9.--The old Baker brick mill, one of Blair county's oldest land marks, valued at \$15,000, was entirely destroyed by fire to-day. A strong wind prevailed at the time and carried sparks to a number of valuable buildings nearby, setting them on fire. The old mill has been idle for a number of years and was a rendezvous for tramps. It is supposed they fired the building, three tramps are said to have perished in the flames. The loss will reach \$20,000.

A Howling Success. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 9.--Parkersburg Republicans and sound money men celebrated the great McKinley victory to-night by having a big parade and making the night hideous with noise and rejoicing. The streets of this city never were so packed with people. Marietta sent one thousand to assist in the demonstration. It was a howling success with all that that term implies.

THEY FLEW HIGH.

But Miss May Wingate's Confession Exposed Them.

DARING FORGERS ARRESTED.

And More Will Come to Grief--One of the Shrewdest Schemers on Record Brought to Light Through the Arrest of a Young Girl on the Charge of Passing a Forged Draft--One Firm Ruined Through the Rascality of a Trusted Member.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The attempted suicide of May Wingate, a miss of 17 years, in a furnished room in Brooklyn, followed by the arrest of her lover, Edward Valentine, has brought to light the operations of the shrewdest gang of swindlers who ever worked in this city.

The girl made an attempt upon her life after a warrant had been issued charging her with having passed a worthless check upon a Brooklyn dry goods merchant. After she had partially recovered she told the authorities that the check had been given to her by Valentine. He was arrested and is now in jail.

Valentine, in hopes of saving himself, has made a confession to District Attorney Backus, in which he tells in detail the operations of the gang. The most prominent members were "Big Ed" Rice, Charles H. Abbott, C. H. McLaughlin, H. K. White, Isaac Heldenheimer, Roundie Smith, Walter B. Peters, Willie Connors and William Thomas. The latter is locked up in this city. Connors in Flint, Mich., and Peters in Chicago.

This far only one of the schemes of the gang has been made public, viz: Their forging operations by which they swindled small western business men. But that was really only a side issue. They saw last summer that in consequence of the tight money market forged papers could be easily floated provided the names of those on the paper had a rating with the commercial associations.

At this stage of the proceedings, Charles H. Abbott, who had operated with the gang in other fields, appeared with a bright idea. He was the junior member of the firm of John H. Baker & Co., forwarding agents. By some means the firm had secured a high rating. Upon the stomach of this rating Abbott had set to work and made out the firm's notes for probably \$250,000. These notes were given to the members of the gang with instructions to negotiate them outside the city.

At least \$10,000 of the notes were sold in Philadelphia. Other notes were disposed of in Chicago and other far away cities. Valentine and McLaughlin made so much money last summer that they leased cottages at Long Branch and lived like millionaires. They drove fast horses and Valentine even went to the extent of leasing a steam yacht. May Wingate was his companion.

Emboldened by their success, the gang became reckless. They set to work to pass small forged checks in this city and Brooklyn and this proved their downfall. Abbott has ruled out the firm of J. H. Baker & Co. Mr. Baker is a man well advanced in years. He said to-day that he was penniless. He trusted Abbott entirely, supposing him to be an honest man. He took him into partnership and after using the firm's name as a cover for signing notes for thousands of dollars, Abbott disappeared.

It is claimed that merchants, manufacturers and farmers have lost \$500,000 by the operations of this gang. They are said to have been the promoters of two or three fictitious companies, one called the Standard Coal and Oil Company, and also of a banking concern, which they used as a decoy. It is said that the gang bought on notes and then sold for cash, sacrificing the material they had secured for anything they could get for it. A favorite scheme was to get possession of bicycles from manufacturers and jobbers and then to raffle the wheels or sell them at a great sacrifice.

A NERVOY CLERGYMAN. He Shoots Fatally a Druggist who Assaults Him on the Street.

LARRABEE, Ia., Nov. 9.--Rev. E. L. Benedict to-night shot and fatally injured Harry McWhirter, a prominent druggist. One day last week Mr. Benedict secured a search warrant and had McWhirter's drug store searched for liquors. This enraged the druggist and he followed the minister into the Larrabee Review office. The minister extended his hand to McWhirter with a peaceful intent. The enraged druggist at the same moment dealt Benedict a severe blow on the head with his fist. Friends interfered and the men parted.

As Benedict was passing the drug store on his way to the postoffice about 8 o'clock to-night, McWhirter and a man named Jurke jumped upon him and a scuffle followed. The minister succeeded in freeing himself and drawing a revolver shot McWhirter, who fell to the ground with a bullet in his breast.

The minister was taken into custody. The principals are both leading citizens of Cherokee county.

Charged with Embezzlement. CHICAGO, Nov. 9.--Edwin T. Bennett, formerly of the Bay City, Mich., Tribune, was arrested in this city to-day on a charge of embezzlement. The warrant for the arrest was sworn out by John F. Eddy and Edward T. Carrington, both stockholders in the paper. The warrant says \$5,000 was taken, but the total amount it is claimed, will amount to \$15,000. Bennett was arrested as he was landing from a vessel on which he had taken passage from Bay City.

From Armenians. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.--The following telegram has been sent to Major McKinley:

Hon. William McKinley, Canton, O. The Armenian citizens of California send their heartfelt congratulations for your election and trust you will do your utmost in behalf of their helpless nation, the people of which are suffering for their faith.

(Signed.) J. N. SEROPIN, Fresno Committee. PAUL ORSALPA, San Francisco Committee.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For West Virginia, fair; warmer; southerly winds.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, partly cloudy weather; warmer; variable winds, becoming fresh southerly.

Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepp, druggist, corner Fourth and Market streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. 33.5 p. m. 41
9 a. m. 37 p. m. 39
12 m. 40 (Weather--Cloudy.)